

Testimony of Mary E Burnham
Education Committee Public Hearing
March 7, 2016

Regarding: HB 5551 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK OF SCHOOLS".

I am concerned that passage of this bill will give the CSDE unprecedented authority to over ride the local control of CT public schools. This bill allows the CSDE to take over the operations of public schools without consultation of elected officials or citizens in a school district.

No government agency should have the power to take over any local agency without due process. Local control is paramount to our democracy.

Respectfully submitted,
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